

Uttar Pradesh: The matter of allocating adequate finances for the development of regional archives at Varanasi, Nainital and the State Archives at Lucknow in the Sixth Five Year Plan, is under ~~the~~ consideration of the State Government.

Pondicherry: Government of Pondicherry has agreed to transfer the administrative control of Pondicherry Archives to National Archives of India. However, proposals for organising Archives, so as to preserve the records of Post independence period will be included in Sixth Five Year Plan.

Gujarat: The Government will keep the resolution in view at the time of the formation of the Sixth Five Year Plan and will take necessary steps to utilize the funds allotted by the Planning Commission to the maximum extent possible.

Lakshadweep: The administration has to offer no comments in this matter.

Resolution IV: Resolved that a system of 'National Readers Cards' be introduced, as it would facilitate and encourage genuine research in the country, and custodians of records at the all India as well as the State level, should honour these cards.

National Archives of India: A standard form for the Readers Cards has been prepared and all the State Archives have been consulted. The suggestions received are being processed and a card commanding the widest acceptance is being finalised by the National Archives of India.

Some States (Andhra Pradesh and Orissa), however, have stressed that the National Readers Cards will be really useful and practicable only when a degree of uniformity has been achieved in research rules throughout the country. West Bengal State Archives has stated that the question of introducing National Readers Cards at this office does not arise, ~~since~~ there is no delay in ~~the~~ West Bengal in issuing cards.

Recommendations, 45th Session, Mysore, 1977.

(a) * * * After some discussion about the rules of access to Government Records, the President stated that this matter had already been discussed in many previous sessions of the Commission, and the Secretary of the Commission and the Chairman of the Standing Committee would continue their efforts to bring to the notice of the State Governments concerned the recommendations of the Commission for further liberalisation of the access rules.

National Archives of India: All the State Archives were requested to send the rules governing access to their respective records for the bonafide research scholars. The required information have been received and further efforts will be made to secure liberalisation of the rules.

(b) Recommendation regarding compilation of a list of eminent persons by National Archives of India.

National Archives of India: On the basis of the information received from the State/Union Territories, Archives of Haryana, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra; and the Universities of Gauhati, Ravi Shankar, Karnataka and Osmania, and Regional Record Survey Committee, Tripura a list is being compiled for further necessary action.

- (c) Recommendation regarding preparation of a list of residential facilities available for scholars at Delhi and at different State capitals by National Archives of India.

In pursuance of the recommendation, information of the National Archives of India as well as the State/Union Territory Archives as detailed below have been sent to the Members of the Commission.

National Archives of India: The bonafide research scholars can avail themselves of Sapru House and Jawaharlal Nehru University Hostel (New Delhi) accommodation at reasonable rates. Five research scholars were provided accommodation facilities during 1975-76 and seven in 1976-77 there.

Uttar Pradesh: The research scholars can avail themselves of the residential accommodation at reasonable rates at the following places:

1. Young Men's Christian Association, Lucknow.
2. Young Women's Christian Association, Lucknow.
3. State Tourism House, Lucknow.
4. Lucknow University Guest House, Lucknow.

Rajasthan: A big room with four beds is available and Government has been requested to provide it by charging Rs.2/- per bed.

Kerala: State Archives has no residential facilities of its own. However, the places where three repositories are situated, i.e. Trivandrum, Calicut and Cochin have good lodging houses suitable for research scholars.

Pondicherry: The number of the visiting research scholars being very small, there is no problem in accommodating them in private lodges located close to the Archives.

Nagaland: Accommodation is available in M.L.A's Hostel and also in the Circuit House.

Maharashtra: Residential facilities are provided in M.L.A's hostel when possible.

Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Assam, Orissa, Haryana, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have no residential facilities.

Goa, Karnataka, Gujarat, Punjab, ~~Assam~~ Assam, Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir are making efforts in this direction.

- (d) Recommendation regarding proper maintenance and preservation of records in Maffassil Offices at district and village level.

National Archives of India: The Recommendation was placed before the Standing Committee at its Seventh Meeting held on 28th November, 1977. The Committee examined the various aspects of the Recommendation in respect of maintenance of records in Maffassil Offices at district and village level and was of the view that setting up of a Committee would not solve such a multidimensional problem. It felt that the State Governments should be urged to make adequate arrangements for the scientific preservation of such records.